

Americans Favor Change in Irish Air Service

By Brendan Walsh
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Dublin 24—The fate of Ireland's Shannon airport is in the balance.

American airlines representatives have asked the Irish authorities to allow their planes to pass Shannon and land in Dublin. The alternative is to by-pass Ireland altogether.

Three American civil aviation experts arrived in the capital to discuss the matter with the government, but no official government statement has been issued yet.

One of the Americans, Paul Barringer, director of the office of transport and communications, admitted that he was very much impressed with the development of Shannon airport.

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But, he said, "a great many American citizens of Irish extraction are anxious to have access to the capital of their motherland."

"In recent conversations," he went on, "both sides seemed to realize that sooner or later it was inevitable that American carriers should have an opportunity to serve the capital of Ireland, as they serve the capitals of other countries."

Barringer stressed American civil aviation authorities' belief that Dublin airport, as it now stands, could handle the largest type of Constellation and Sky-master aircraft.

"It is our feeling," he added,

"that the time now has come to face up to the development of aeronautical science. A considerable number of our trans-Atlantic planes are already flying direct to London and Paris."

He pointed out that Shannon would always have its place as a technical stop, and went on: "As a customs-free airport, it can be the cargo center for all Europe. But we feel that if the trans-Atlantic planes could fly into Dublin it would be a means of attracting many more American tourists to this country."

Agreement Cited

"By developing the potentialities of Dublin, you will not be detracting from Shannon, but adding to the revenue of the country by increasing tourist traffic and thus increasing dollar earnings."

The Americans, by the 1945 agreement with Ireland, agreed to a clause which said: "All eastward-bound air traffic on routes covered in this annex shall stop at the Shannon airport as first European port, and all west-bound air traffic on the same routes shall stop at Shannon."

The United States airlines want this clause cancelled.

Finance Minister Paddy McGilligan has referred to the runways at Shannon as "the most expensive bits of concrete in the world," and many Irishmen agree.

One Irish observer said: "Only an American could blithely ask us to give up Shannon, and spend a million or two pounds to improve the Dublin airport."

"Have we profited from American use of Shannon? Passengers pop in, take a meal, and pop out. It seems to me the American lines should contribute toward the upkeep of the airport if they are anxious to use it. Up to now we have spent £10 to earn £1."

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